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1. Attached, forwarded untranslated for headquarters' information and filing is another report on activity of Wilhelm WETZ alias Walter WAGEN (previously reported) who, among other things, is said to be trying to infiltrate Russian agents into the newly reconstituted German information service. He is said to have earned the trust of one of the personalities in the Bavarian region, Adolf/SLAVIK whom he is soon to accompany to Italy for an unknown mission.
2. The persons mentioned in the attached report with which Subject has or has had contacts are:

~~Has Georg SCHWARZKOPF~~

~~Friedrich RIEDL~~

~~Richard RAUDER alias KLATT~~

~~Erich KERNMAYER~~

~~Karl KOWARIK~~

~~Stefan SCHACHERMAYER~~

~~Josef MISCHER alias ROMANY~~

~~Josef URBAN~~

~~Milos DRAGOŠA~~

~~Karl WINKLER~~

Frans KRAUTZSENGER of Munich

3. No copy retained. Date of info: 17 March 1952. Date received: 27 May 1952.

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Re: Wilhelm HOETTL, born in Vienna on 19 March 1915, Austrian citizen, doctor of history. ~~On former list for deportation at request of French, 3 German~~  
Source: Confidential source beyond the frontier who is worthy of attention.

*Copy sent to CIC*  
The Subject was a member of the German security service, Vienna office, where he was in the foreign affairs section, and in Budapest where he worked at the Hungarian desk. He was also a war correspondent with an SS unit. In May, 1945, when the Soviet troops were approaching, the Subject turned himself over to the Americans who interned him in a concentration camp where he got to know various ex-officers of the SS and Austrian collaborationists from whom he learned about certain operations carried out by the SS during the war. On the basis of this information, he then published a book "Die Geheime Front", (The Secret Front), published by the Nibelungen Publishing House in Linz, under the pseudonym of Walter Hagen.

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In December, 1947, he was set free and settled down in Altmuees, Austria, where he is still living. For a while he did newspaper work and in 1948 he began to "work" for the ~~ENGLISH~~ American service. In 1949 his collaboration ended because the Americans ~~had~~ found out that the information he furnished had been ~~supplied~~ fabricated by him. He had appropriated for himself the money which had been turned over to him for mounting his operations. Besides, the American service allegedly had reason to suspect that HOETTL was in contact with the Soviet Secret Service for which he was acting as a double agent. *Subject* was in contact with a certain Hans Georg SCHWARZKOPF, Prietjoz RIEDL, and Richard KAUDER & KLATT, who allegedly worked for the Russians in the area around Salzburg. Dr. HOETTL is the friend of a certain Adolf SLAVIK who also was allegedly in contact with the Soviet occupation authorities. The English also allegedly suspect HOETTL because of the recent arrest by the Russians of one of their agents who was known by the subject.

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In 1949-50, HONITL was a member of the Gmund Circle, a political intelligence organization of Salzburg, in which took part Erich KERDMAYER, Karl KOWARIK, Stefan SCHACHERMAYER, Josef MISCHER & RONAY and Josef URBAN who were supposed to have fabricated false information about the Communist Party, Cominform activity, and internal conditions in Czechoslovakia. This information was supposed to have been spread in Germany and Italy through a certain Milos SMOBODA. A certain Karl WINKLER and Franz KRAUFZINGER of Munich, also intimate friends of HONITL, are supposed to have fabricated information about the Hungarian situation.

The Subject is supposed to have at his disposal a large dollar-~~mark~~ account in a Swiss bank. He set up this account with funds of the German Secret Service in 1945, and in this way he was supposed to have been able to acquire a large part of the ownership of the ~~W~~ibelungen publishing house of Linz (which published his book). The concern is headed by Elfrida ~~K~~ELINGER. Another partner of the publishing house is Dr. von BORDAJEWITSCH, ex-member of the German security service and suspected Russian agent.

HONITL is supposed to be trying to infiltrate Soviet agents in the re-established German intelligence service. He is supposed to have gained the confidence of a <sup>which he and</sup> personality in the Bavarian region. .... <sup>intelligence</sup>

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